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FROM: Ernest G. Johnson
for Director
Utilities Division

Arizona Corporation Commission

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RE: **STAFF UPDATE - IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VALUETEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA VALUETEL COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE RESOLD LONG DISTANCE AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES (DOCKET NO. T-04312A-05-0295)**

On April 20, 2005, ValuTel Communications, Inc. ("ValuTel") filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide resold long distance and local exchange services. On April 27, 2005, the Utilities Division ("Staff") sent its First Set of Data Requests. There have been no other filings since that date.

On May 2, 2006, the Hearing Division issued a Procedural Order in this matter. Staff was ordered to file, by May 19, 2006, an update with the Commission on the status of this matter with any appropriate recommendations regarding whether the matter should be administratively closed. On June 1, 2006, Staff was granted an extension, until July 17, 2006, to file the update.

Staff contacted Melvin Reams, the President of ValuTel. Mr. Reams stated that ValuTel had been granted approval to provide service. He further stated that ValuTel had responded to Staff's First Set of Data Requests. Because Mr. Reams was not at his Austin, Texas business location, he indicated that he would provide Staff a copy of ValuTel's responses when he returned to the office in Austin the week of July 17, 2006. Mr. Reams also stated that if he was mistaken about having been granted authority to provide service, he would still like to obtain a CC&N.

Given the communication with Melvin Reams, Staff recommends that this matter not be administratively closed.

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